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October 2013 Newsletter

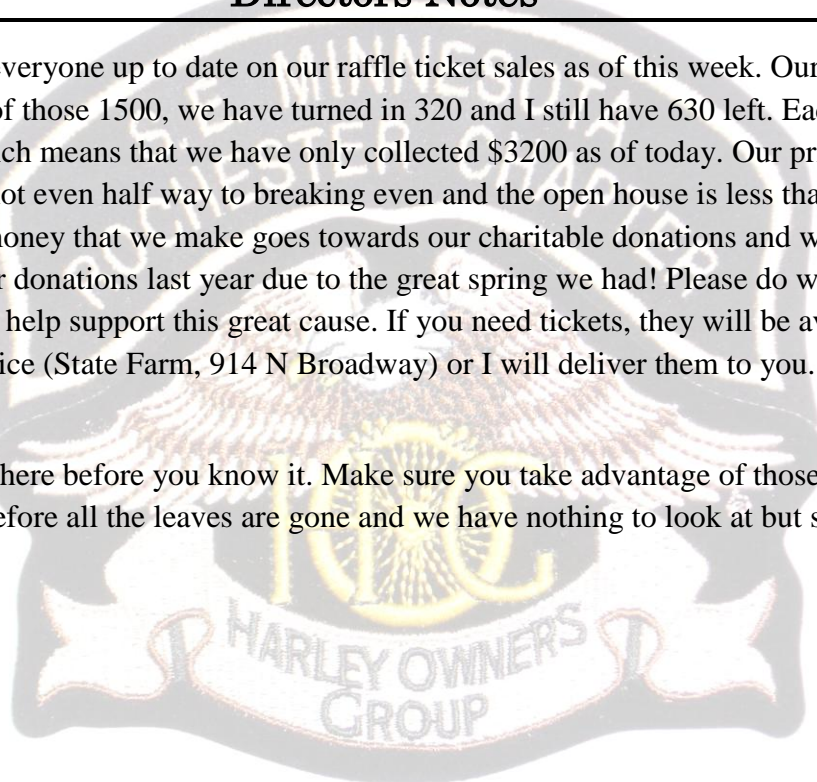
Directors Notes

I wanted to bring everyone up to date on our raffle ticket sales as of this week. Our goal is to sell 1500 tickets. Out of those 1500, we have turned in 320 and I still have 630 left. Each ticket represents \$10 which means that we have only collected \$3200 as of today. Our prize money is \$6500, so we are not even half way to breaking even and the open house is less than a month away. Any extra money that we make goes towards our charitable donations and we are already way short from our donations last year due to the great spring we had! Please do what you can to help out so we can help support this great cause. If you need tickets, they will be available at the meeting, at our office (State Farm, 914 N Broadway) or I will deliver them to you. You can call me at 251-5761.

Fall colors will be here before you know it. Make sure you take advantage of those nice weekend days and get out before all the leaves are gone and we have nothing to look at but snow!

Ride safe!

Mike



September 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Assistant Director Tom Welsh. Absent were Mike Madden, Jeff and Julie Williams, Sandra Welsh and Greg Domke.

Tom talked briefly about the experience in Milwaukee with the 110th Anniversary celebration. Met people from around the world, and "hung out" with famous musicians sitting next to him in the crowd (Foo Fighter's singer and Joan Jett to name a few). Tom got a new Banner for our club.

Patches have been found and are available to purchase.

Treasurer's Report given by Tom in Jeff's absence: Starting Balance: \$10,223. Ending Balance: \$11,370.

Membership: 146 Members -- 15 New Members. September Anniversaries: Sara Baumler - 10 year / Julie Williams - 5 Years. Anniversaries Missed in August: Justin Parkin - 10 Years and Bill Hoffman - 5 Years

Safety: Charlie Milligan: It is harvest time. Watch out for deer and other critters. Also be careful with additional farm equipment that may be on road. There is still a lot of construction. Be careful and mindful of that. In the fall the falling leaves can present slippery roads when they are wet. There is now motorcycle training online. Please see Charlie for information on this.

Christmas party: We could use some volunteers in the future for this. We are responsible for set-up. Mike will send an e-mail out later for this. We will decide on a menu at the next meeting.

Dean Anderson read Thank you note from Rushford on our donation. Chris and Jeff were here from Eyota and we presented their check. Also Phillip Heitman from Zumbro Falls came today. He was supposed to come to last month's meeting but there was a fire, so they could not attend. Both Fire Departments were very thankful.

Thanks to the Welsh's for having the picnic in August. Very generous of your time and your home.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: WE NEED TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS!!!!!! THE DRAWING IS IN OCTOBER AND WE NEED A LOT MORE SOLD. PLEASE, PLEASE TRY TO SELL ONE MORE PACKET OF TICKETS!

- Respectfully submitted by Sue Madden

Activity Officer Notes

If you are going out for a ride and looking for folks to ride with, send an email to gadomke@hotmail.com and Greg will forward it to the group. Include how others can contact you if they have questions.

Greg Domke
Activity Officer

Editor Notes

All input for newsletter should be submitted no later than the 20th of the month to make the next newsletter. If you have any questions on this subject or have any suggestions for a future newsletter, please e-mail or give Jeff Williams a call. Thank you all for your support and input for the newsletter. You all help make this a good monthly newsletter. You may submit articles to jeff1851@charter.net.

Jeff Williams
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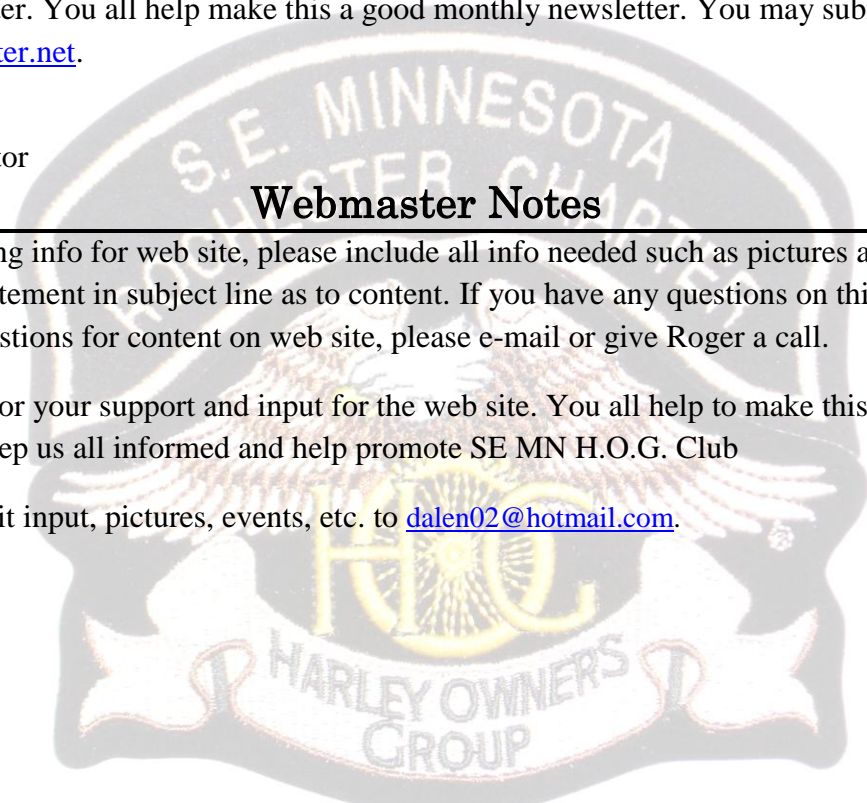
Webmaster Notes

When submitting info for web site, please include all info needed such as pictures and events plus make a statement in subject line as to content. If you have any questions on this subject or have any suggestions for content on web site, please e-mail or give Roger a call.

Thank you all for your support and input for the web site. You all help to make this a good web site that will keep us all informed and help promote SE MN H.O.G. Club

You may submit input, pictures, events, etc. to dalen02@hotmail.com.

Dale Nelson
Webmaster



Around the Bend

The double digit months are on the way!! Always kinda dread this time of year. We go from “riding weather” to winter pretty quick once we start these months-10, 11, and 12. Yea, not a LOT of riding goin on in 1, 2 and 3 but if ya look real close, you can either see the lite at the end of the tunnel or, if you’re lucky, the “WELCOME TO FLORIDA” sign and rest area with the free orange juice!! Oh well we’ll get thru it again and if nuthin else, it’s a good time to sit around tellin LIES and dreamin about the next summer while enjoying an adult beverage---COFFEE, what were YOU thinkin??

Ever had a blow-out while riding? How bout having your brakes fail? It can also be interesting to have your headlite go out in the middle of the night-on a dark curvy road-by yourself-in unfamiliar territory-while being chased by a ZOMBIE (just added that to get your attention)? Here are some tips from the AMA that hopefully, we will never have to use.

BLOWOUT : If you have had one, you won’t forget it. The POP, sudden shuddering and possible loss of control. Easy to say, harder to do-STAY CALM! EASE off the throttle-sudden changes can aggravate an already scary situation. Keep a firm grip on the bars and do not brake unless you have to. If you need to use the brakes, try to determine which tire has gone down and use the other brake. Aim slightly to the side of the road and allow the bike to slow down. It may get “squirley” as you come to a stop so be aware of this.

BRAKE FAILURE: It is unlikely that BOTH front and rear will fail at the same time. The problem comes if you use the front OR rear more frequently (the front can supply around 70% of the braking capability of the bike) and all of a sudden it’s not there. The obvious solution is to switch to the other brake. BE CAREFUL tho. Sudden hard application of either can cause loss of control depending on the road surface and/or why you were trying to slow down to begin with-dirt,gravel surfaces, going into a turn, wet roads etc. I am not sure how a bike with ABS would react in a situation like this but to be on the safe side, practice emergency stops with both, and also with using the front and/or back brake independently.

BLACKOUT: First move would be to try the hi/lo beam switch. If nothing happens, could be a bulb or a problem with the headlight itself. If you have parking/driving lites, try them if they are not on. If still nuthin, try turning on the right directional and move to the shoulder of the road. Hopefully, the directional will supply enough to get to the side of the road safely. If you are not able to repair the cause of the failure, what may work is to remove the bulb from the REAR directional lite and remove the lens from the front directional. This MAY prevent the front from blinking and give you an emergency lite. A lot of this depends on if you do or do not have any tools with-but that’s another story.

As I said in the beginning of this, we are entering the double-digit months soon which will most certainly usher in some colder weather. I have written before about cold/colder weather riding and will not be going into detail on that now. However, by the time you realize you are REALLY getting cold, you may already be on the verge of hypothermia. When you start shivering is not the time to start thinking about some warmer clothes. Try to plan ahead and dress for the

weather/season. I know, I like to push the seasons myself, but sooner or later, a warm jacket and other items of clothing will be appreciated.

AND, not to be neglected-CHECK THOSE TIRE PRESSURES!!! Remember, pressure can change 1 lb for every 10 degrees of temperature change. What was good for the STURGIS trip may have dropped a bunch by mid October.



Looks like this guy is ready for a cold ride on his 1914 HD single.

And remember: LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Tom and Sandra in the 110th Parade



Donation Presentations to Eyota and Zumbro Falls



2013 Chapter Events and Rides

- August 25th Summer H.O.G. Picnic.
- Aug 29th – Sep 1st [110th Annivesary Celebration & H.O.G. 30th](#) in Milwaukee, WI. Go to the web site for more info.
- September 10th Dinner ride to [Bear's Den](#) at Byron. Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM.
Ride leader: TBD.
- September 11th-15th [Tomahawk WI ride](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event). Go to the web site for more info.
- September 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. After meeting ride to The Rail House in Centerville, WI.
Ride leader: TBD.
- September 18th-21th [Bikes, Blues and BBQ Rally](#) (info only non-H.O.G. event)
- October 8th Dinner ride to [Famous Dave's](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM.
Ride leader: TBD.
- October 12th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM. After meeting ride to [Eagle View](#) in Minneiska, MN.
Ride leader: TBD.
- October 19th Rochester Harley Davidson Open House and SE MN HOG Bike Drawing @ 2:00PM . More info TBD
- November 2nd Freeze Your Butt Ride, Ride leader TBD. Meet at Rochester HD, kickstands up at 11:00AM.
- November 9th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM, (Election Nominations). After meeting ride. Ride and ride leader to TBD. Turn in mileage and chapter challenge sheets today.
- November 12th Dinner ride to [Five Guy's](#) Meet at Rochester Harley, kickstands up at at 6:00PM. Dinner at 6:30PM.
Ride leader: TBD.
- December 10th Dinner ride to [Red Lobster](#) Social hour from 5:30 PM, dinner @ 6:00PM
- December 14th Meeting @ Rochester Harley @ 9:30AM (Elections)

All dates are subject to change or cancellation. Notification will be sent out if there are changes. Questions contact [Dale Nelson](#)

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